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REMARKS

The above amended paragraph of the specification enters a complete priority claim for this application. The undersigned avers that the amended paragraph does not contain any new subject matter.

Next, claims 22-24, 26, 27, 29, 30 and 32 are rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over the claims 1 and 2 of U.S. Patent No. 6,488,508 B2. The Applicant acknowledges and respectfully traverses the raised rejection in view of the following remarks.

The Applicant thanks the Examiner for indicating that a timely filed Terminal Disclaimer, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321(c), would overcome the raised double patenting rejection provided that the conflicting application or patent is shown to be commonly owned with this application. In view of this indication, a timely filed Terminal Disclaimer, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321(c), is submitted along with the associated official fee. The United States Patent and Trademark Office's records shown the common ownership of the above identified application and the conflicting patent—both cases are owned by ADC Technology Inc. In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the raised double patenting rejection should be withdrawn at this time.

The Applicant thanks the Examiner for indicating that claims 25, 28 and 31 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claim(s). In view of the above and the attached Terminal Disclaimer, it is respectfully submitted that all of the pending claims are now in a condition for allowance.

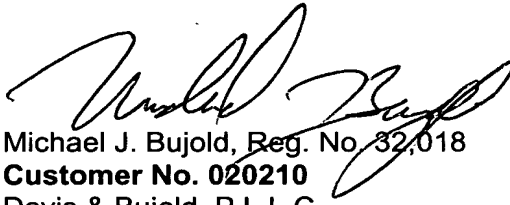
If any further amendment to this application is believed necessary to advance prosecution and place this case in allowable form, the Examiner is courteously solicited to contact the undersigned representative of the Applicant to discuss the same.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the raised rejections should be withdrawn and this application is now placed in a condition for allowance. Action to that end, in the form of an early Notice of Allowance, is courteously solicited by the Applicant at this time.

The Applicant respectfully requests that any outstanding objection(s) or requirement(s), as to the form of this application, be held in abeyance until allowable subject matter is indicated for this case.

In the event that there are any fee deficiencies or additional fees are payable, please charge the same or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account (Account No. 04-0213).

Respectfully submitted,



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